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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of June, 1986)

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during June declined by eleven crews from the May total of 191. The land crew total declined by ten, and the marine crew total decreased by one crew for a net decrease of eleven. June was the eleventh consecutive month the total number of crews has decreased.

The June total (180) represents a decrease of 6% from last month, a 51% decrease from June, 1985, a 64% decrease from June, 1984, a 62% decrease from June, 1983, a 71% decrease from June, 1982, a 74% decrease from June, 1981, and a decrease of 66% from the same month in 1980.

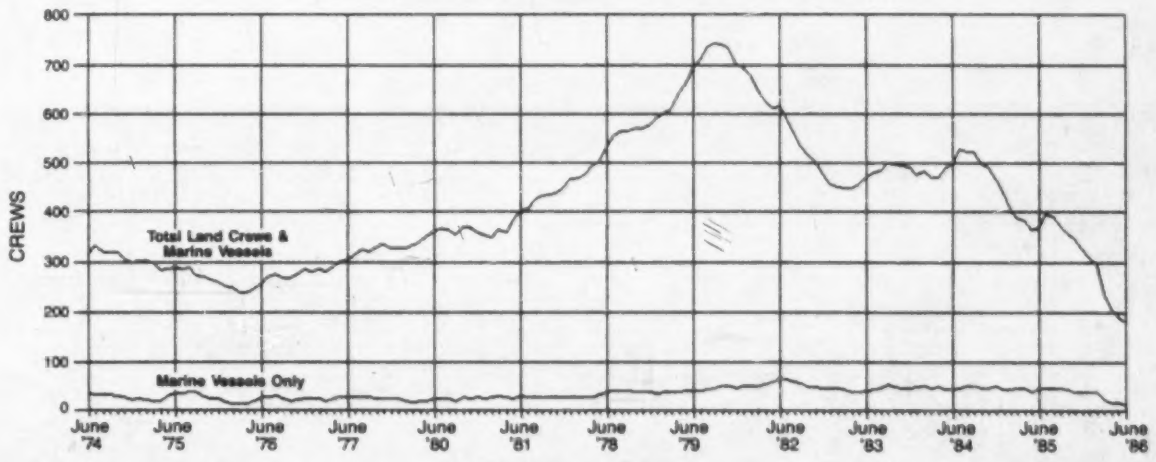
During June, five contractors were operating nine of the 140 land crews and two of the fourteen vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month 180	Last Month 191	June'85 371	June'84 500	June'83 471	June'82 615	June'81 696	June'80 535

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	June 1985	June 1984	June 1983	June 1982	June 1981	June 1980	This Mo.	Last Mo.	June 1985	June 1984	June 1983	June 1982	June 1981	June 1980
50 Contr's:	140	148	294	418	387	503	610	457	14	14	40	38	37	62	37	32
8 Oil Co's:	22	24	30	37	41	43	42	39	4	5	6	7	6	7	6	6
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	162	172	324	455	428	546	652	496	18	19	47	45	43	69	44	39

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

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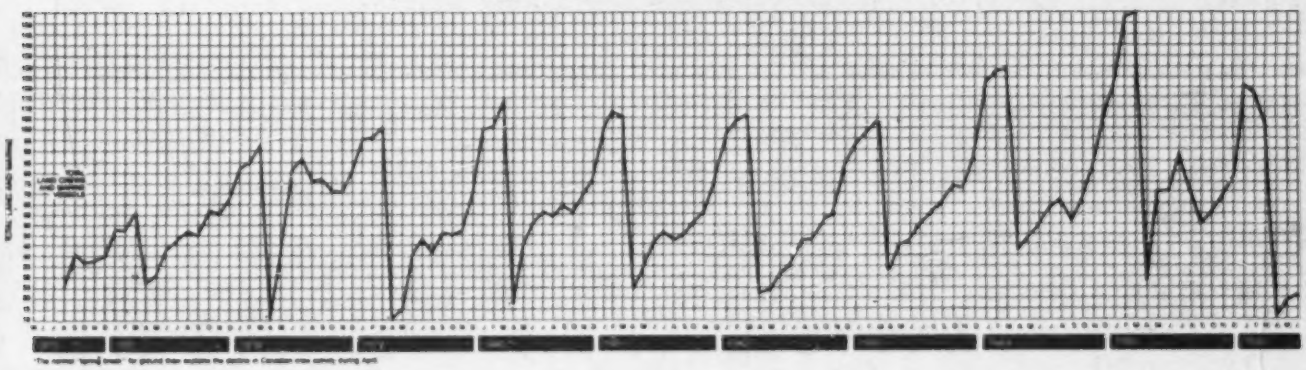
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

June, 1986 (May figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
18 Contractors:	20 (16)	1 (0)
1 Oil Company:	1 (2)	0 (0)
Totals:	21 (18)	1 (0)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed in part by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(Seismic crews searching for oil & gas.)